

VERDUN IS AGAIN CENTER OF THE WAR STAGE

GREAT ELATION IN FRANCE NOW

Over the Recapture of the Village of Fleury by the French Troops.

AN EPOCH NOW MARKED

Germans Appear to Be Less and Less Capable of Operating on Old Scale.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 4.—The village of Fleury, north of Verdun, was regained by the Germans this morning, it was officially announced today by the German army headquarters.

PETROGRAD, via London, Aug. 4. Russian troops have captured the village of Dudka-Mirynakina on the river Stozok, a left tributary of the Stokhod, it was officially announced today by the Russian war department. This village is nineteen miles east of Kovel.

PARIS, August 4.—Attacking simultaneously from the northwest and from the southeast, French troops yesterday stormed the village of Fleury, three miles north of Verdun and captured several hundred Germans. In the evening, however, the Germans launched a furious counter attack and after several violent attempts succeeded in getting a footing in the southern part of the village. The French today continued to hold the northern section of the place and heavy fighting still is in progress.

Verdun is again in the center of the war stage. The recapture by the French of the village of Fleury, which had been held by the Germans for more than a month, has caused great elation in France. It is the first fruit of the French slow and methodical offensive begun three days ago and seems in the opinion of French military observers to mark an epoch in the six months' battle for the great fortress on the Meuse.

Germans Less Capable. The Germans appear to be less and less capable of operating on their old overwhelming scale and the initiative, military men think, is about to pass to the French for good.

While the German artillery continues to be as powerful and as well supplied as ever, the Germans no longer are able to gather the masses of troops necessary to reap the benefit of artillery preparation.

It is twenty days since the Germans made their last big attack on the right bank of the Meuse by which they obtained more results at a heavy cost. On the left bank of the Meuse nothing beyond local actions have been attempted by the invaders for a week.

French Throw Bombs. French bomb throwers for a fortnight past in anticipation of the present offensive had been creeping forward by the Vignes ravine west of Froid Terre with the object of getting near Thiaumont by working around hill No. 365.

The bombers first reached the Brasserie road. They then separated into two parties, one going to the eastward toward the Thiaumont works and the second pushing northward toward Vacherauville and Pepper hill.

Last week the first party stormed a redoubt west of Thiaumont and after a stiff fight went beyond that position. The second party reached the little wood of Vacherauville.

Attack from All Sides. The whole section from Vacherauville to the approaches of Souville thus were in the hands of the French and the higher command judged the time ripe to attack from all sides at once.

Attacked from the northwest and the southeast the Germans in Fleury offered desperate resistance but the French bayonet finally prevailed. Some Germans managed to escape to the Vaux-le-Chapitre wood but a majority was taken prisoner.

To sum up, the French in their last three days' offensive regained all the ground that the Germans had taken several weeks to conquer.

They took all the positions for a depth of about a mile from the slopes of Souville fort to the approaches of hill No. 329 as well as in the wood east of Vacherauville and in the Vignes ravine. The French also installed themselves in positions southwest and southeast and south of the famous Thiaumont woods.

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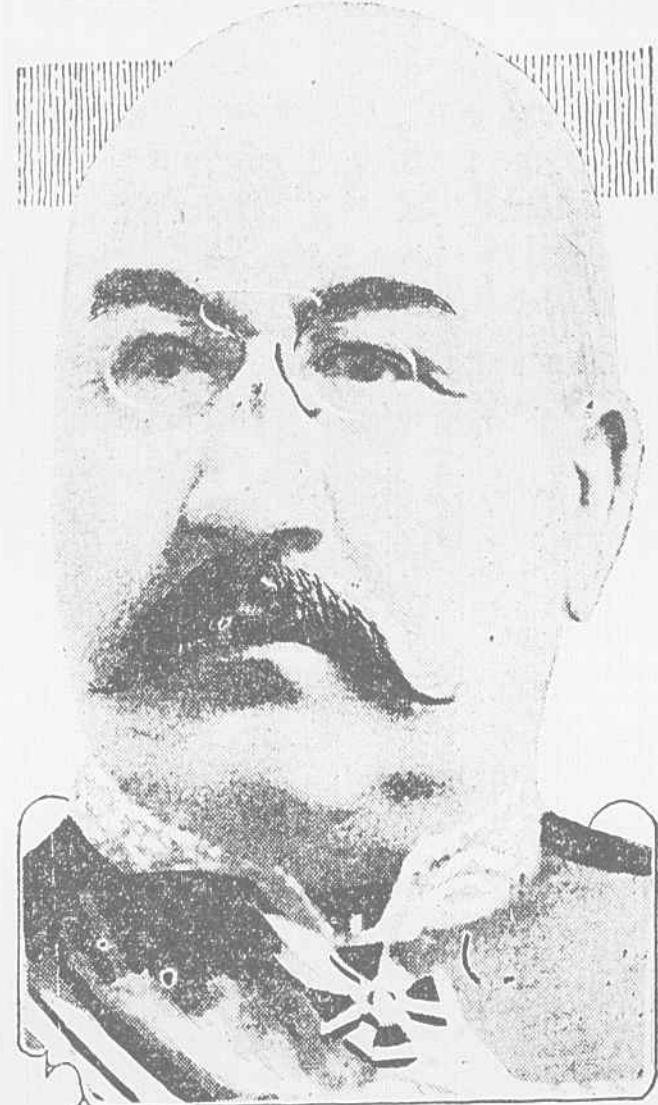
Nominating Convention Will Be Held Here Saturday by County Republicans.

For the purpose of nominating a candidate for judge of the Harrison county criminal court, Republicans of the county will hold a convention Saturday afternoon in the court house, starting promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

So far only one candidacy for the judicial nomination has been announced, namely, that of Charles A. Sutton, a brilliant young lawyer of Bridgeport, who was formerly a member of the House of Delegates from this county.

Mexico has 15,251 miles of railway and 46,112 miles of telegraph lines.

RUSSIAN LEADER IN GALICIA MAKES RAPID ADVANCE; THREATENS LEMBERG



General Sakharoff.

General Sakharoff is in command of the Russian forces which during the past few weeks have made a rapid and successful advance in Galicia and captured many thousands of Austrians. General Sakharoff's army now threatens Lemberg, which is the key to a vast field of oil wells and to a district rich in lead and copper mines.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR STATE ELEVEN

Says Coach Mont M. McIntyre Who Is a City Visitor Today.

SIXTY-TWO

Are Taken into U. S. Army in West Virginia during Month.

Mont M. McIntyre, one of the coaches of the West Virginia University football team, was a business visitor in the city Friday. Coach McIntyre is calling on members of the Clarksburg Alumni association and looking for prospects for the state team this fall.

The training camp at Mt. Chateau, on the Cheat river will be opened September 5, when twenty-five or thirty of the state squad will go into camp and train for fourteen days when they will be moved to Morgantown as school opens on the eighteenth of September. All the old men of last year's squad and the most promising new material will be at the camp.

Any local young men who are interested in athletics are invited to the camp. Of course they will have to pay their own expenses but they are guaranteed a good time.

Coach McIntyre expects at least 100 men out for the team when they return to Morgantown.

The big game this season will be with the University of Pennsylvania, the team that Bob Folwell, the man who put Washington and Jefferson on the football map, will have charge of this season. Folwell has 6,000 students to pick his team from and he called for 200 men to be out for the first practice. While West Virginia has only 1,000 students and not more than 100 men eligible and fit for football, Coach McIntyre hopes to win from the Pennsylvania team.

The West Virginia team has the brightest prospects this season that a state team has ever had, according to Coach McIntyre, who says all the members of the famous 1915 team with the exception of Captain Mike large vs3t-Oan-bshopeDIETAONET Leatherwood will be back and a large number of promising young men will also be on hand to try for the team.

The season will open September 23, when Westminster will probably be played on the Morgantown gridiron.

STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Japanese steamer Kohina Manu, of 1,062 tons, and the British steamer G. C. Gradwell have been sunk.

TO BE PREACHING.

There will be preaching at the Chieftain school house Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Loy. Everyone will be welcome.

FORMER SLAVE DEAD

Ellen Washington Brown Oldest Colored Woman in City is Dead.

Miss Ellen Washington Brown, aged 92 years, one of the oldest colored women in this section of the state passed away at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at her home on the Mrs. Nathan Musgrave property, at Stealey Heights, following an illness of disease incident to old age.

Mrs. Brown had been a servant in Mrs. Musgrave's family for eighty years.

Mrs. Musgrave's maiden name was Leila Baker. In 1858 Isaac Baker brought the colored servant girl, Ellen Brown, to Clarksburg from Winchester, Va., and she lived as a slave with the Baker family all through the war between the states. When that struggle came to an end and gave the negroes their freedom Ellen Brown remained with the Baker family, ever faithful to her death. She was highly respected by all, and is well known to every old family in Clarksburg. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the name of her grandson, Robert Beckwith, in First street.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Luther Shingleton and Sarah Beckwith.

That the Joint Commission Consider Other Than the Military Situation.

MEXICAN REPLY AT HAND

Whether the Carranza Idea Will Be Satisfactory is Not Yet Disclosed.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—General Carranza's reply to the last American note accepting his suggestion for a joint commission to adjust border differences but proposing a broader scope for the commission's work was delivered at the state department today by Elese Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador designate. It announces the appointment of three Mexican commissioners with instructions to "devote their attention preferably to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note."

Thus, the de facto government apparently rejects the proposal that the commission consider other questions than the military situation and limits the discussion to the subject originally suggested by Carranza—withdrawal of American troops from Mexico; formation of a protocol to cover future operations against bandits and investigation of interests which may have prompted border raids. Whether this will be satisfactory to the United States has not been indicated. The note was in Spanish and when he went to today's cabinet meeting, Acting Secretary Polk declined to discuss it until an official translation could be made.

President Wilson already has under consideration the names of men suggested for the American commission.

BUCKHANNON HAPPENINGS

News of Upshur Capital and Its Vicinity Reported by Correspondent.

BUCKHANNON, August 4.—The French Creek home coming will be held at the Presbyterian church grove August 3 to 6, both dates inclusive. Every one will be welcome. Harr Vance, of French Creek, is in town making arrangements for the French Creek home coming.

The United Brethren Sunday school picnic was held at the Jackson grove Thursday.

Several local people attended the races at Weston.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Robinson, of Parkersburg, who visited in the city, have returned to their home.

H. E. Dawson, of this city, is spending the summer on his farm on Isaac's Creek, Harrison county. All of the family have been there.

Martha except his two daughters, Hazel and Hazel, and they left Thursday for the farm, where they will probably remain for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marts, of Benson, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Ralph Richards, of Parkersburg, who visited friends and relatives in the city has returned to his home.

The Upshur county fair and race are to be held September 4-5-6 and 7. The management is making plans to make it the most attractive fair that was ever held in the county.

DEATH ANGEL

Claims Mrs. Fannie K. Winfield, Wife of Dr. J. Buckner Winfield.

Mrs. Fannie K. Winfield, wife of Dr. J. Buckner Winfield, one of the city's leading physicians, passed away at 11:30 o'clock Friday morning in a local hospital following a short illness. Mrs. Winfield underwent a surgical operation several days ago and had been in a critical condition until death relieved her suffering today.

The deceased woman is survived by her husband, Dr. J. Buckner Winfield, and six children.

No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

TWO "SUBS" LOST.

ROME, via Paris, Aug. 4.—The loss of two Italian submarines is officially announced. The statement says that the undersea craft left with others on a mission to the enemy coast a long time ago. As they have failed to return to their base they are considered lost.

ANOTHER DROP.

FINLAY, O., Aug. 4.—Another drop of ten cents a barrel in the price of six grades of oil was announced by the Ohio Oil Company here today. The grades affected are North and South Lima, Wooster, Illinois, Princeton and Plymouth.

HITCHCOCK CONGRATULATES HUGHES



Left to right: Mrs. Hughes, Charles E. Hughes, James B. Reynolds (with mustache) and Frank E. Hitchcock.

At the public reception following the speech of acceptance of Charles E. Hughes, Frank Hitchcock congratulated the Republican candidate and assured him of victory in November. Mr. Hitchcock will be remembered as the man who had charge of the Hughes pre-convention campaign.

REED'S RULING IS GIVEN IN LETTER

To the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, August 4.—The letter of Stuart F. Reed, secretary of state, to the executive committee of the Socialist party of West Virginia, in which he rules that that party cast five per cent of the vote in the last general election and has a right to place a ticket in the field this year, is as follows:

Your inquiry as to whether or not this office would certify to the clerk of the circuit courts the names of the Socialist party's nominees for presidential electors and judges of the supreme court of appeals in the event of such nominations being made by a convention called by the Socialist party in accordance with the provisions of section 29 of chapter 26, acts of the West Virginia legislature in 1915, known as the primary election law, was referred to the attorney general who wrote an opinion which has been transmitted to you and a copy of which is on file in the office of the secretary of state.

In discussing the legal status of the Socialist party, the attorney general says:

"In section one of the primary law a political party is defined, 'an affiliation of electors representing a political party or organization, which at the last preceding general election polled for its candidates for representatives in Congress in the several districts, at least five per cent of the entire vote for that office in the state.' If the Socialist party comes within this definition of a political party within the operation of the primary law."

"I am at a loss who would determine whether or not the Socialist party would be a political party under the definition given in the primary law."

"I do not find in terms that it is the duty of the secretary of state to decide whether or not the nominations certified to him by a convention represents a political party as defined in the primary law. What position he shall take in that regard is entirely with that officer."

It will be seen that the attorney general leaves undecided the question as to who has authority to determine the status of political parties in this state.

As secretary of state I am custodian of the election returns and am authorized by law to certify all proper nominations of political parties. Therefore, I deem it my duty to make such investigation of the returns of the vote for representative in Congress at the general election held in 1914 as will enable me to determine the status of the Socialist party and my duty in the premises.

In having recourse to the election returns aforesaid I find that the en-

tire vote cast for the office of representative in Congress by all political parties in the state at the last general election (1914) was 235,702. Five per cent of this total vote or 11,785 therefore represents the number of votes which "an affiliation of electors" had to cast at that election to bring it within the statute's definition of a "political party."

By further recourse to said election returns I find that the Socialist party polled for its candidate for Congressman-at-large "in the several districts" (the district in this instance understood to be the entire state), 11,944 votes, which number is greater than five per cent of "the entire vote cast for that office in the state."

Accordingly I deem it my duty to accord the Socialist party all the privileges and rights of a political party as defined by section 1 of chapter 26, acts of 1915, and nominations made by said party in conformity with said chapter and properly certified to this office will be received and disposed of as the law directs.

The Socialist party has not at any time since the passage of the primary law been deprived of its legal status as a political party. Your letter is the first request I have received from a Socialist committee asking for definite information on the subject.

No candidate paid fees or filed certificates in the name of the Socialist party prior to the primary election held June 6, 1916, and for that reason no Socialist ticket was demanded for that election.

WILSON IS TOLD

Nothing Can Be Done by Government at Present in the Railroaders Troubles.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—Judge William L. Chambers, commissioner of the United States board of mediation and conciliation, conferred with President Wilson today over the threatened strike of 400,000 railroad employees. They discussed every phase of the situation but Judge Chambers told the president he believed there was nothing that the federal government could do until the railroad managers and the representatives of the employees meet again next week after counting of the strike vote has been completed.

Judge Chambers thinks that there is still a chance for the employers and employees to reach an agreement. The board of mediation and conciliation expects to be called in, should a break appear inevitable.

By Miss Carrie Chapman Catt, National President at Great Meeting Here.

NOTABLE ADDRESS MADE

Distinguished Visitor is Given a Most Cordial Reception When Introduced.

Men and women crowded the Masonic temple Thursday night to suffocation to hear Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of New York, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association. More than 1,500 persons were in attendance. The meeting was one of the most wonderful ever held here. Enthusiasm reigned supreme and the great gathering was certainly all that the most ardent advocates of the amendment giving the vote to women could desire.

Mrs. John L. Ruhl presided. She first introduced Miss Katherine D. Blake, a New York City educator, who made a brief plea for woman suffrage and better home conditions. Miss Eudora Ramsey made a plea for campaign funds and was well rewarded.

When Mrs. Catt was introduced the great audience rose to its feet and cheered again and again. Mrs. Catt said:

My good friends, men and women of West Virginia: There is no power on earth that can prevent the coming of woman suffrage. One might just as well put his little weak hand against the tide of Niagara in the hope that he might keep it back as to try to stay the coming of this great cause of human liberty. It is as certain as the sun is sure to rise. When the women of this state ask the men to give the vote they are not asking West Virginia to try a new experiment. I wish that every man and woman of this state might join in the effort to further this great movement. Miss Blake has told you of all the states in this great West that have already granted the vote. But there is something which is far greater in its effect than that. We think of progress, when we think of the great West having endorsed this great cause and marching eastward because it is right and just and a success. There is a meaning in the color of this map which I wish that every man and woman in this whole country could understand. It is across our northern border. There in the northern country the women have more privileges than we do on this side. My grandfathers on both sides of the family were in the Revolution. I order that there might be established a government of the people, in order that they might make good their slogan that "Taxation without representation is tyranny." And it was George the Third, remember, against whom they revolted because he denied them representation, and you remember that King George was worsted in that fight; now there is a George the Fifth ruling over the great empire and across our northern border is one of his great colonies. Except up here in the West where polar bears live—where people live it is white in the East and grey in the West where women have all the rights to vote except for members of parliament, a territory equal to all our territory east of the Mississippi river. Now, isn't it curious that we American women with the blood of the Revolutionists in our veins, should be traveling over the country today appealing to the men to give us the vote when it might have been granted by Great Britain?

Women Vote Elsewhere. Ask yourselves what kind of an impression it is going to make. Are they going to be as loyal, are they going to feel that they have been fairly treated by their land? There is one great difference between these two countries which accounts for this delayed privilege. In the province they grant the vote by act of parliament. Parliament passed the law and gave the vote to the women. That is the reason that we have been so slow on this side, while we lift our eyes north and see that our continental sisters have out-won us in this race. That is not all. It was my privilege to travel in Britain, and the women in South Africa, which was founded 100 years after this one was founded, have all the suffrage rights, not only under the British; then Australia, which was founded 100 years later, and is nearly as large as the United States.

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ADMITS FORGERY

Of a Check and Wallace Young Man is Jailed for Grand Jury.

Acy McIntyre, the young man of Wallace, who was recently arrested on a charge of forging the name of C. A. Davis, of Wallace, to a check for \$21.60 on the Wallace bank and getting it cashed at a Clarksburg bank, confessed when arraigned for a hearing late Thursday afternoon in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court. The magistrate held him for the grand jury and in default of bond remanded him to the county jail.